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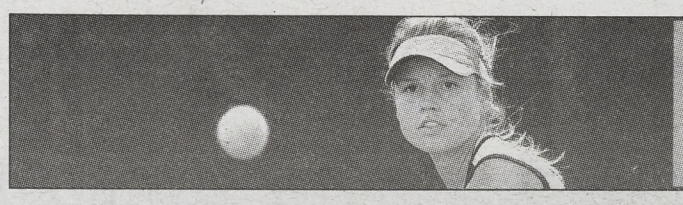

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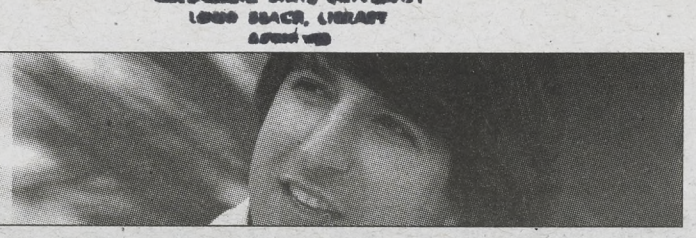

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OrgSync causes problems for Week of Welcome, Smorgasport

The networking platform incorrectly counted the number of organizations that registered.

By Courtney Tompinks
Staff Writer

Smorgasport and Week of Welcome got off to a rocky start this year thanks to a few technical hiccups with OrgSync, an online platform designed for social networking between campus organizations and students.

Adopted in fall 2010, the program costs Associated Students, Inc. $15,000 per year to use.

"OrgSync made it really hard to have Week of Welcome be as smooth as possible," Irving Barcenas, chief programming officer for ASI, said at an ASI Senate meeting.

Because of a glitch in the OrgSync system, not all applications for Smorgasport and Week of Welcome were processed, so ASI could not account for the exact number of organizations to be present at the events, according to Barcenas. At the ASI Senate meeting, Barcenas said he had to pay an extra fee to the University Student Union in order to bring more tables to the upper campus lawn at last minute.

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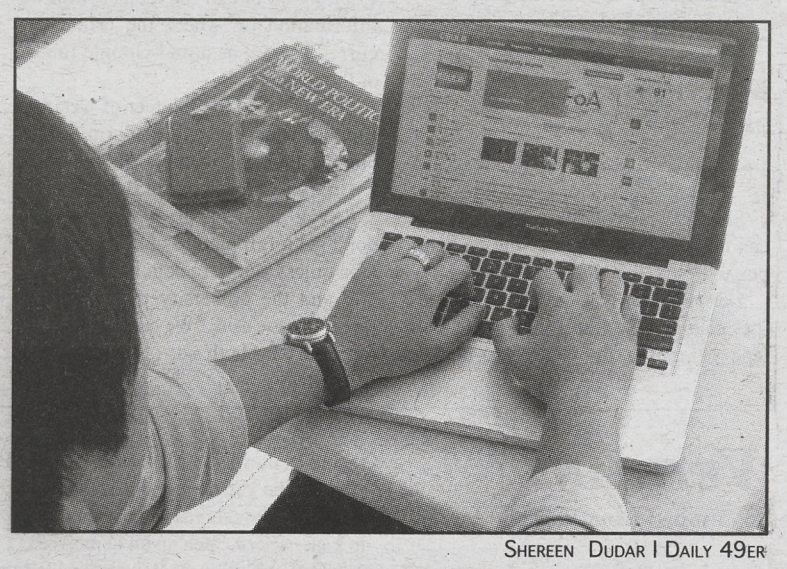

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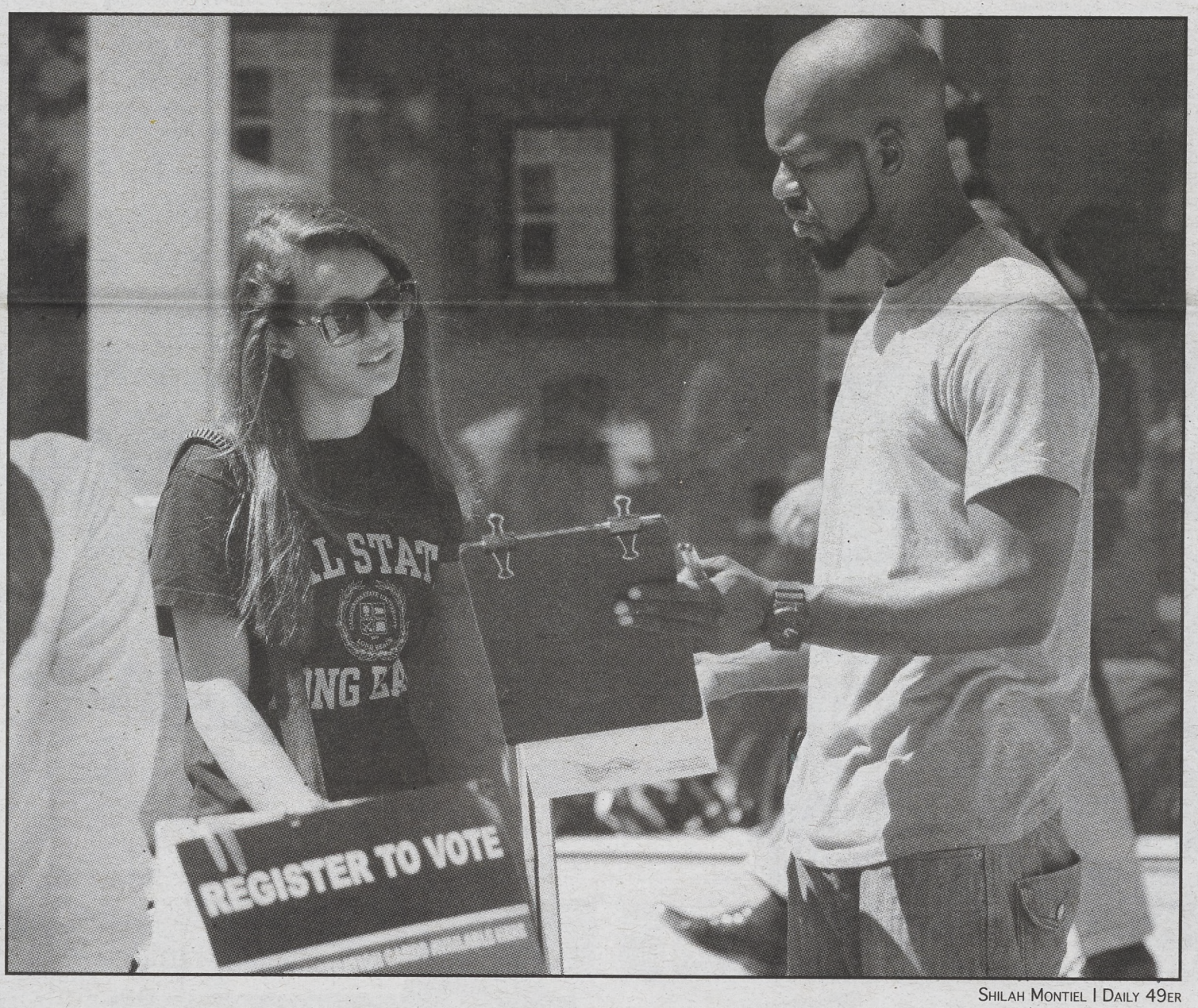

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A voice with a vote

Freshmen biology major Paulina Pardo registers to vote for the election in November. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 22.

Dull dorms designed to be dynamic

An International House RA starts a program that helps students design on a budget.

By Hillary Phan
Contributing Writer

Watch out Home and Gardens Television — the Cal State Long Beach dorms now have their own DIY makeover program run by student David Cassarubius.

Cassarubius, a Resident Assistant for the International House, now hosts his own show, "David's Dorm Design."

The show will air on Channel 3, a local station for dorm residents, and will demonstrate how to decorate rooms with little or no money at all.

Cassarubius, a junior political science major, said his passion for design, which he has had since junior high, inspired the idea for the show.

"I watch HGTV every day," Cassarubius said. "A lot of people have told me to be a designer."

Because he cannot draw, Casarubius said he did not pursue design as his major. He said that he enjoys de-

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Veterans create office in engineering building, provide peer support

CSULB has been recognized as a military friendly school for three consecutive years.

By Matthew Sousa
Contributing Writer

The transition from warfront to a college campus has become a little easier thanks to resources provided by Cal State Long Beach, including an exclusive office set aside for veteran use.

CSULB has been named a military friendly school by G.I. Jobs Magazine, making this the third straight year that the school has received such recognition.

The publication deemed schools "military friendly" based on a lengthy survey asking about policies towards student veterans and the level of services available for them on campus, CSULB Director of Veterans Affairs Services Marshall W. Thomas said.

"Veterans come to CSULB for many of the same reasons non-veterans do," Thomas said. "We have a great academic reputation and a wide selection of outstanding academic programs to choose from."

Thomas said one of the resources available to student veterans is a one-stop office that coordinates G.I. Bill benefit certification with other veteran services.

"All levels of the campus community, from the president down, support the academic, personal and professional success of military service members, veterans and their dependents," he said. "I'm really proud to be a part of a wide network of campus partners who assist veterans in achieving their goals."

The Veterans of Engineering Center was established on campus three years ago because many veterans major in engineering, Dean for College of Engineering at CSULB Forouzan Golshani said. Golshani said many veterans who visit the center get a sense of community and identification among their peers.

"It's a great place where they can meet other vets," Golshani said. "We wanted to give them every opportunity to feel at home, and we want to be as accommodating as possible."

Junior journalism major Alexander

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Website details crime locations and happenings

University Police say such a website could change the safety landscape on campus.

By Anthony Garza
Staff Writer

Students at Cal State Long Beach can now find out about crime on campus with just the click of a mouse.

Ucrime.com is a website that maps the crimes of more than 200 college campuses by using geo-coding through Google Maps. The map includes a cluster of icons that pertain to certain crimes, including a fist for assaults or a spray can for vandalism. Clicking on one of the icons brings up information on where the crime occurred as well as a real Google image of the location.

Colin Drane, the founder of **Ucrime.com**, said he got the idea of crime mapping technology when his GPS was stolen in front of his house in Baltimore.

"As a resident of Baltimore, you don't get a full picture of crime in your area unless you have data from both the city and the university police department," Drane said. "We became a single repository for both sets of data."

University Police Captain Scott Brown said he thinks a website like Ucrime can change the safety landscape for Cal State Long Beach's campus.

"We do crime mapping for our website," Brown said. "Using one central map would be easier to see where [crimes] are happening, but we don't currently do that."

Currently, CSULB has an e-notification system for major crimes that occur on campus. The system sends registered students a text message or email notifying them of the crime.

Drane said that crime data should be readily and easily accessible to all.

"With today's technology and the sophistication of most universities, it seems like most universities should be producing near real time geo-located data in table format for everyone to consume," Drane said.

CSULB provides its crime data through the University Police website. Crimes are posted online from a few hours to a few days after the crime took place, depending on the length of the investigation.

The University Police does not have any direct ties with notifying Ucrime with crimes happening on campus, according to Brown.

Drane said he hopes for uniform and timely digital distribution of crime data in order to create safer campuses and communities.

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However, during an interview with the Daily 49er after the meeting, Barcenas said the confusion did not cost ASI any additional time or money.

The case is currently being investigated by representatives at OrgSync, according to Barcenas. Regardless of the technical difficulties, he said he still feels that the software was a good investment.

"Like any student, I like trying technology, and it comes with its faults and advantages," Barcenas said via email.

OrgSync was adopted by the ASI Senate with the expectation that it would increase connectivity and awareness in the community.

The program's cost of $15,000 per year is collected through student activities fees. The price was initially opposed by members of the College of Engineering when a resolution to support the program's installation was brought to the Senate more than a year ago.

As of January 2012, there were more than 3,000 users registered with OrgSync, along with 424 organizations. Today, there are 7,045 users and 439 organizations, according to Christina Esparza, ASI communications coordinator.

Barcenas said ASI is wary about using the software for upcoming events.

"They want us to use OrgSync for Homecoming and the Long Beach Marathon, and I'm scared," Barcenas said at the ASI meeting.

Veterans

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Campbell, who served in Iraq for two months as a rifleman and radio operator, said transferring from Long Beach City College to CSULB has been easier than he expected. He said he finds the campus very practical for numerous reasons.

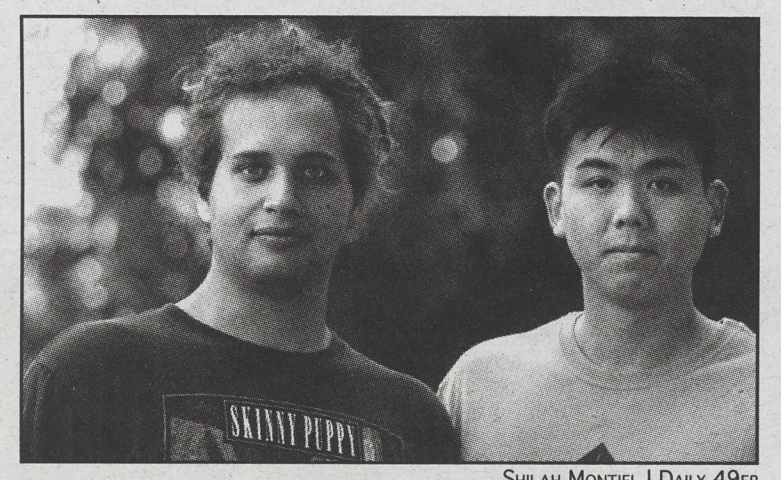
"The VA Hospital is right next door, so my health and education are side-by-side," Campbell said. "My professors have been supportive, and they're approachable and easy to talk to."

Manuel Hernandez — a senior electronics engineering major who served as a nuclear, biological and chemical specialist during the Gulf War — helped start up the veterans engineering office. The office now serves as a place for many to kick back or catch up on homework.

"The transition itself was easier for me with the support of all the guys in the room, and there are great teachers here who are helpful and willing to listen to you," Hernandez said.

Larry Zeng, a senior aerospace engineering major who served in the Marine Corps as a helicopter recruit chief, said he spends much of his free time in the office.

"The dean gave us this office, where you get so much support from your peers," Zeng said. "It's a lot of fun to come and connect with all the guys. We're like a family."



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Alexander Campbell, left, and Larry Zeng are veterans at CSULB.

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Gov. Jerry Brown signs bill allowing study for non-surgical abortions

(MCT) LOS ANGELES — Gov. Jerry Brown on Saturday signed 25 health-related bills, including controversial legislation that extends for two years a study program that allows non-surgical abortions to be performed by a limited number of nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives and physician assistants.

Sen. Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) introduced SB 623 to expand access to abortion for women, especially in rural areas where physicians are not as available.

The bill was supported by Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California and the American Civil Liberties Union of California, which argued that many women do not have enough access to early, safe abortions because of the limited number of physicians performing the procedure.

The measure was opposed by the California Right to Life Committee Inc., which argued that having non-physicians performing abortions puts women's health at risk.

Brown also signed legislation that would improve breast cancer detection and give women easier access to birth control.

SB 1538 mandates that women who go in for screenings be informed if they have dense breast tissue and how that may affect the results of their mammogram and their risk of cancer. It also encourages women to speak with their physicians about whether additional screenings might be warranted.

"This is about a patient's right to know," Sen. Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto), who sponsored the legislation, said in a prepared statement. "Patients with dense breast tissue need to know that it can hide a cancer and that additional screening options are available. Early detection is the key."

The new law takes effect April 1, 2013.

Earlier in the day, Brown was in South Los Angeles to sign legislation that allows registered nurses to give out hormonal contraceptives to women under a standardized procedure.

That law "also allows RNs to dispense drugs and devices upon an order by a certified nurse-midwife, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant while functioning within specified clinic settings," the governor's office said.

AB 2348 was supported by groups like the American Medical Women's Assn., the California Primary Care Assn., California Latinas for Reproductive Justice and Black Women for Wellness, among many others.

Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles) wrote the legislation and called Brown's action "the culmination of our hard-fought effort to expand access to birth control for women who need it."

The law takes effect Jan. 1. Brown signed the bill Saturday morning at Planned Parenthood's local headquarters and cast the event as a reaffirmation of "every woman's basic constitutional rights."

Planned Parenthood Federation of America President Cecile Richards applauded the action and in a prepared statement said that "by enacting this bill, California was once again setting an example of national leadership at a critical time when access to healthcare is under attack."

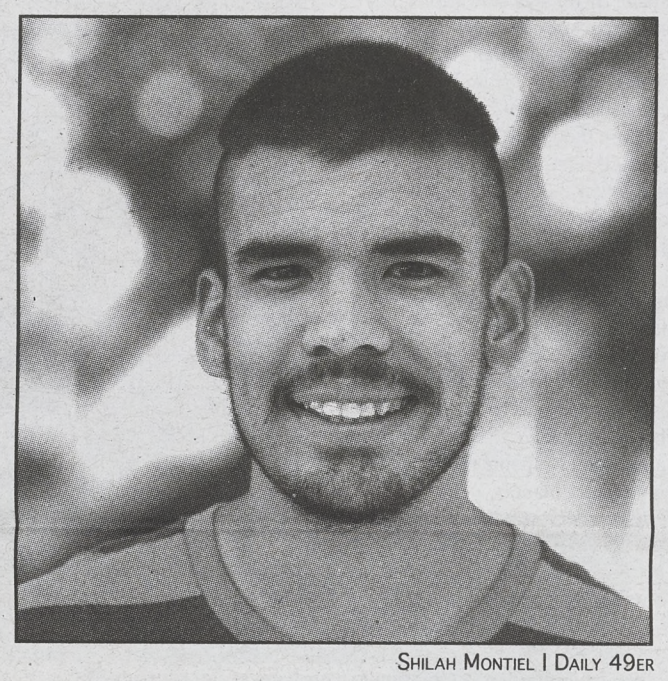
In other matters, Brown vetoed five bills, including a measure that would have clarified that state law requires restaurants to maintain health and cleanliness standards for indoor play areas, such as ball pits found at many fast-food businesses.

Assemblyman Michael Allen (D-Santa Rosa) introduced AB 1513 after a group called Kids Play Safe did tests on some indoor playgrounds and found bacteria including coliform, which comes from fecal matter.

But Brown was not convinced that additional state action was needed.

He said local health inspection agencies were already responsible for enforcing those laws.

-- Patrick McGreevy and Ari Bloomekatz Los Angeles Times



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Top: David Cassarubius will air his DIY show on Channel 3 in the dorms.
Left: Cassarubius designed his room on a budget.

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signing as a hobby, rather than pursing it as a professional career.

The program, which airs in one week, is meant to show residents that they do not have to spend money to decorate their room. During production, there will be no extra cost for the residents who participate in the project.

The show format will showcase Cassarubius's well-designed room — an example of a DIY project that anyone could do — a clip of Cassarubius surprising the resident with the redecoration and the process of a personal project with Cassarubius showing the resident how to redesign. The show will end with the resident finishing his or her room without any extra help.

Currently, there is no funding for the show. The supplies used will either be items that they find or they will be paid for out of Cassarubius's pocket. Chris San Paolo, an information and technology specialist for housing, who is in charge of Channel 3, will also try to accommodate the show by personally supplying Cassarubius with materials needed for the design, Cassarubius said.

Once the show gets a good standing, Cassarubius said he hopes to get sponsored by Bed Bath & Beyond and Target.

Channel 3 plays movies that have not been released on DVD yet for dorm residents, with a new movie airing every three hours. In between movies, RA announcements and shows fill the gap until the next movie is played.

"[Channel 3 now has] actual stuff they could use," Cassarubius said.

Kaitlyn Snyder, a junior dance major, is the first to experience a dorm makeover with Cassarubius.

"The DIY project was super fun and easy," she said. "David had a cool idea that we just ran with. We only used some paint and boxes he found."

Cassarubius found a Ralph Lauren gift box and used it to create a wall decoration for Snyder's room. He juxtaposed the shoebox lids on Snyder's dorm wall to create a tree-like form. They then flipped the black shoebox lids over to paint white branches with pink and green leaves, taking a modern spin on a classic design.

"It turned out really cute, and now my dorm wall has some artwork on it that I could say I made myself," Snyder said. "It adds a touch of color to the white brick wall."

Residents can ask to be featured on the show through the Facebook page "CSULB Housing" at **www.facebook.com/pages/CSULB-Housing**.

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Manned space exploration is not in a black hole

OUR VIEW

With one last victory lap over California's coast, the NASA space shuttle Endeavour landed at LAX this past weekend. Endeavour's landing in Los Angeles marked an end of an era of American-manned space exploration.

Endeavour was commissioned to replace Challenger in 1987 and made its maiden voyage in May 1992. Endeavour spent a total of 299 days in space and orbited the earth nearly 4,700 times. That would be roughly 123 million miles.

The entire fleet of NASA space shuttles was a symbol of American prowess and bravery. The retiring of the shuttle program now leaves a hole in many American hearts. Space travel was, and still is, a major part of our culture.

While it is sad that the NASA space shuttle program is over, it comes as no surprise.

Even though NASA's budget is small relative to other facets of the government, it still costs a lot of money to maintain a strong and successful space program.

With the current debt the nation now faces, manned space travel is lowest on the priority list of stuff that needs to get done. Future government funded and manned space travel will be put on the back burner, especially because NASA already has capable robots exploring distant planets.

However, even though the space shuttles have retired, this does not bring about the end of an era of manned space travel.

It will just be funded in a different way.

Privately funded exploration is a growing sector of manned space travel. If manned space travel in America will no longer be funded by the government, then it is safe to say it is time for it to be privatized.

For example, billionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson has created a new wing to his company called Virgin Galactic.

Virgin Galactic already has a spaceplane that can allow passengers to experience weightlessness by flying just above the Earth's atmosphere. Virgin is also constructing a fleet of five spaceplanes that will take passengers to space in late 2013. Of course this is if you can afford the $200,000 ticket to go along with the $12,000 deposit. So far, the list of those waiting to be the first to experience Branson's spaceplanes include Stephan Hawking, Angelina Jolie and Tom Hanks.

Thus space travel will mainly be reserved for the rich, for a while.

Branson's fleet of spaceplanes will inspire competition. Branson and his spaceplanes will certainly be the pioneers of privately manned space travel, but of course there is plenty of space for more competition in the vastness of the universe.

Eventually, competition will slowly drive the price for traveling in space down. Maybe in the future, space will not be off-limits for the common American citizen.

Online registration will boost the number of young adult voters

KRISTA BROOKS

Today is National Voter Registration Day, a day to reach out to unregistered voters and encourage them to get involved in the political process.

It is important to get unregistered citizens to vote so they can be active in the community.

Last Wednesday, Gov. Jerry Brown simplified the process to become a registered voter by signing legislation to implement online registration for voters.

Californians can now register via the web in hopes to increase voter turnout, primarily among young adults and college students.

According to a survey from the Public Policy Institute of California, 29 percent of our state's adult voters are over the age of 55 while 33 percent are college students. However, students only contribute to 18 percent of students in the state vote.

Only 75 percent of Americans that are registered to vote actually do, and 24 percent of Americans are eligible but aren't registered.

In the 21st Century, everything is online.

Books, articles, movies — everything is accessible with the click of a button. It only makes sense that registering to vote should be as accessible as well.

Now, young adults can register through a simple online process. It will be just as easy to register to vote as it is to register for a social network. With all the time they spend on Facebook, young adults have no excuse to not register.

Proposition 30 has made less proactive voters to become involved in an issue that is bound to affect them. Hopefully, with this new access to online registration, students will voice their opinion on other issues that affect our college, city and state.

The deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 6 elections is Oct. 22.

That is plenty of time for us to sit down and register.

If online registration isn't enough, new legislation has been passed by Brown to allow same-day voting registration.

This will become effective starting Jan. 1, 2013. So if you somehow forget there is an election coming that day, you can still vote.

Both online and same-day voter registration will greatly change accessibility for students and busy young adults.

It is about time our registration process caught up with times.

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Green Day frontman proves not everything ages like a fine wine

GERRY WACHOVSKY

Back when I was in high school, things were so simple, especially on the music front. I listened to bands like Green Day and Weezer, and they were new, fresh and made great music. Green Day's "Dookie" still stands as one of the best alternative/punk albums of the '90s, and the same can be said about Weezer's self-titled album released in 1994.

My, how the musical greats have fallen.

This past weekend was a big one for music, especially in Las Vegas, as the city hosted the much anticipated iHeartRadio music festival, where dozens of big name musical acts played in front of sold-out crowds at the MGM Grand Hotel.

One of these acts was Green Day, led by frontman Billie Joe Armstrong, who is now 40 years old.

During Green Day's set, with the teleprompter indicating how long the band had left to perform before the next act is set to take the stage, displayed "1 MINUTE," prompting an expletive-filled guitar-smashing temper tantrum from Armstrong and fellow band mate Mike Dirnt.

An obviously perturbed Armstrong shouted, "You're going to give me one minute? One f---ing minute? I've been around since f---ing nineteen eighty f---ing eight, and you're going to give me one f---ing minute? I'm not f---ing Justin Bieber, you motherf---ers!"

So let me get this straight: Armstrong is trying to convince the audience at the festival that he is some kind of living legend because he's "been around since 1988?"

Green Day hasn't even been relevant in music for ages and their music has degenerated from awesome in the '90s to tolerable in the early 2000s to downright awful now. I'm not saying that their music can't evolve and that it has to be the same thing over a 20-year career. I'm simply calling a spade a spade.

For a long time now, Green Day has just plain sucked and as a former fan, I feel obligated to tell Armstrong and the gang that it's time to hang up the instruments.

Despite all the acclaim that "Boulevard Of Broken Dreams" and "American Idiot" received, all their current albums represent is a lazy attempt to appear politically informed, and for some reason, that seems to win music critics over.

Getting back to his rant: when Armstrong took the shot at Justin Bieber, truer words were never spoken. Armstrong and Green Day are definitely not Justin Bieber, and I believe the majority of attendees at the iHeartRadio festival were there to see newer and fresher acts. Green Day's time was actually shortened in order to extend the set of Usher, who remains 100 times more relevant than the washed-up Green Day.

Green Day's music used to be fun and lighthearted, but they have since turned it into an amalgamation of political preach and misinformation. A lot of their newer catalog features music about voting, the war in Iraq and other current events. These songs are packaged into nice and easy-to-digest three-minute verse-chorus-verse refrains. It is ponderous that a band like Green Day, which clearly espouses an anti-establishment and counter-culture vibe, would even be at a huge commercial music festival like iHeartMusic that is featuring more poppy acts like Enrique Iglesias, Rihanna, Taylor Swift and P!nk.

Armstrong apologized for the outburst the day after his meltdown and added that he would be attending rehab soon. The good news is that this will sideline Green Day for at least a little while. The bad news is that the band is set to release even more crappy music in a trilogy called "¡Uno!," "¡Dos!" and "¡Tré!," which are set to release periodically between September and January of next year.

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CSU employee health care benefits should be considered for cuts

DANIEL SERRANO

The rising cost of a college education is well understood by most students. We're paying more and more to get our degrees. However, no conversation about rapidly increasing costs is complete without one under-the-radar expense — employee health benefits.

According to the Cal State University website, the CSU pays 95 percent of its employees health premium costs, the monthly fee charged by health insurance companies. Most private companies pay about 80 percent.

For the 2011-12 school year, that 95 percent came out to $356 million. By 2013, the annual cost for employee health coverage is expected to rise to $392 million, a $36 million increase attributed to inflation of medical expenses.

The CSU Board of Trustees will be voting soon on a new batch of student fees that would generate an additional $35 million for the CSU by charging students who are taking over 16 units, have taken more than 150 total units or are repeating a class. That sounds like a lot of money.

That is, until you consider employee medical costs alone will rise by $36 million over the next two years. Theoretically, all the money raised through the student fees could be put towards the new medical costs and still fall short of covering the tab.

I wonder if there are cheaper, more cost effective employee health care alternatives to Calpers, the California executive branch agency that manages the pension and health benefits of California public employees. I'm sure the CSU wonders too, but we'll never know because the CSU is mandated by law to use Calpers. Any search for an alternative is out of the question.

I understand that CSU employees pay into their health coverage and that covers part of the total expense, but at what point does the CSU's responsibility shift from providing for those who work or worked for it to providing California's youth with an affordable education? How can medical costs be allowed to continue growing at the rate they have been? It's unsustainable.

The problem is this topic raises more questions than answers. It does seem that measures have been put into effect to curb medical expenses. Most new professors are hired as lecturers, part-time employees who do not receive the same benefits as full-time professors and therefore cost the CSU less money. This does not address the huge number of full-time employees and the new costs they will accrue in years ahead.

I'm not suggesting that medical costs are the biggest financial issue for the CSU — they're not. I'm not saying CSU employees should have medical coverage taken away — they shouldn't. But, if all options are on the table and the students are the CSU's main focus, then the meteoric ascent of employee health care costs should be considered with everything else when it comes time to find a way to balance our budget.

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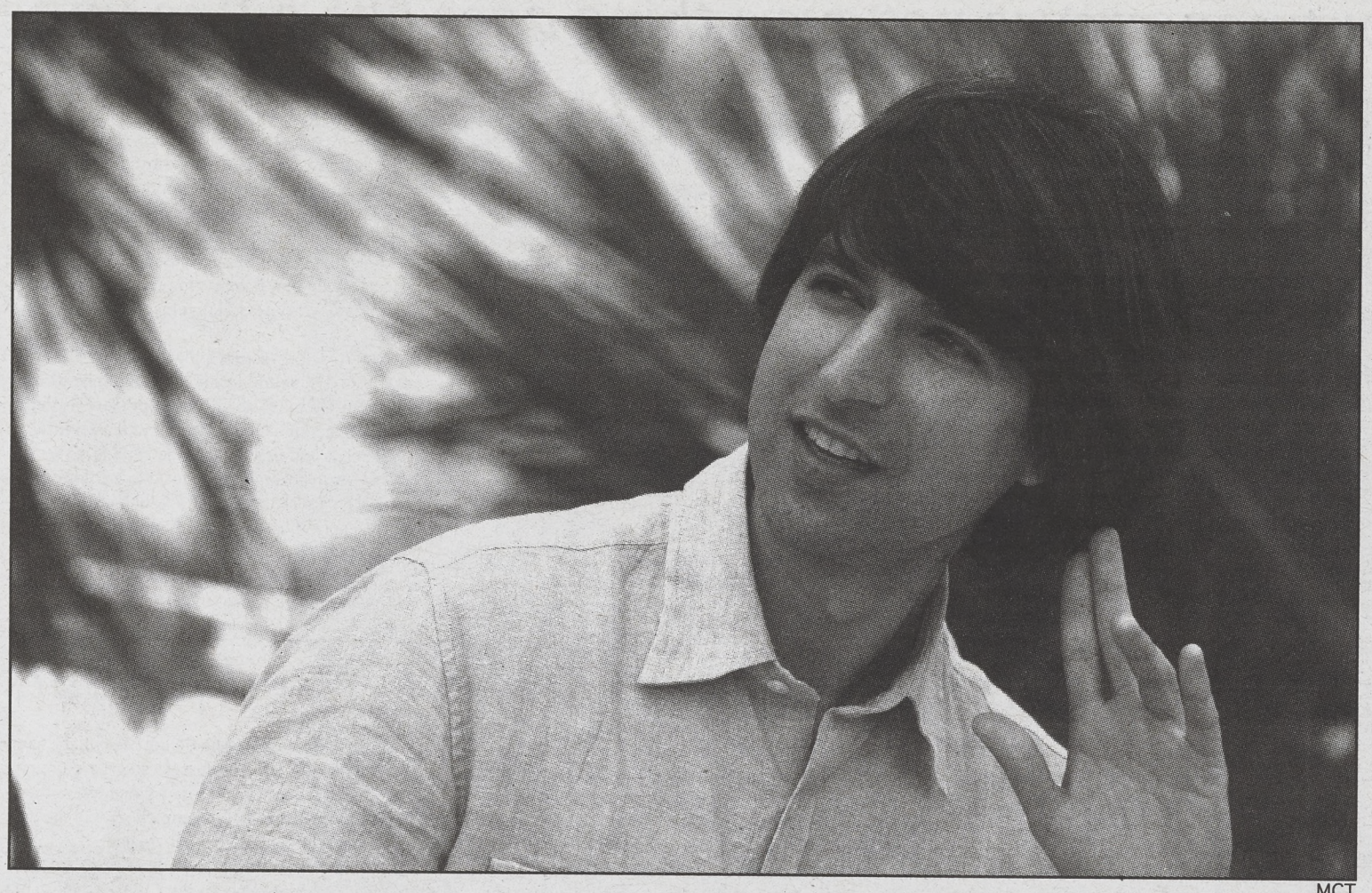

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Demetri Martin uses drawings and music to give his one-liners and strange observations a creative twist.

Comedy and philosophy with Demetri Martin

The quirky comedian talks to The Daily 49er about his new special and his unique sense of humor.

By Noel Leon
Assistant Diversions Editor

Stand-up comedian Demetri Martin and star of Comedy Centrals "Important Things With Demetri Martin" is once again bringing his observational and witty humor to television screens in his new special "Demetri Martin Stand-up Comedian."

The show airs Saturday at 10 p.m. on Comedy Central. Martin took some time to talk with The Daily 49er about his upcoming projects and the path that led him into comedy.

Martin is doing something really different with comedy. He takes his observations and uses things like music and art to bring them to life. For example, in his new stand-up special, he shows the audience a drawing of a baby wearing headphones and crying into a cone that connects to the headphones. While showing this drawing, he simply says, "Baby Silencer." The dry humor mixed with his quirky delivery style has made him a must-see comedian throughout the past few years.

"I like to daydream a lot and [stand-up] ended up being a job that was almost the shortest distance from daydreaming to doing a job. If I do it right, my mind just wanders, and I'm actually kind of working and that really lends itself for the observational aspects of my comedy," Martin said.

Martin dropped out of law school at New York University to pursue a career in comedy. He decided to drop out after a few semesters because he never really had that feeling of excitement or anticipation when he woke up in the morning.

"I started to think that maybe I was too young to be dreading my life choices," Martin said. "I wish I had a fairy back then that could have just told me, 'Hey, Demetri what are you doing in the library? You don't need to be here; you're just going to end up telling fart jokes.' That would have been so nice."

Martin was also a White House intern in 1996, but he isn't interested in doing political humor.

"I like writing stuff about dogs, or chairs or trees — stuff that isn't constantly changing," Martin said. "I like tapping into things that are immediate, accessible, simple, and has a longer life"

"At the core of all of it, as human beings, people aren't that different than they might have been in Shakespeare's day or in Ancient Greece."
-Demetri Martin, Stand-up Comedian

Q: What advice would you give other students that are thinking about pursuing a more creative career like you did?

A: For me I had to find a way to make money so that I could support my pursuit of the creative career, but my advice would be to find a way to make some money to support yourself that doesn't relate to your choice so you don't have to make creative decisions based on money.

I temped as a proof reader when I started doing stand-up, and that was a great decision because I was able to try the weirdest, most esoteric stand-up without having to worry about it being marketable or selling it to anybody.

I was able to have that "F—k you money" where I could turn down things and not do anything that you felt compromise your work.

You also really have to really love what you do, even if you know that you aren't going to be making any money at it for a while.

Q: How would you describe your sense humor to those that are unfamiliar with you?

A: I always say I'm a joke teller, and when people meet me they are always like, "Oh, you're a comedian? You're not joking around? You don't seem that funny." And I'm like, "Thank you, I appreciate that." But yeah, I just try to come up with something simple.

Most of my jokes are ideas that are accessible and simple, but hopefully people are surprised and interested. You don't really need to know anything too specific to get the jokes because they are not really based in references that require special knowledge. You don't need to know who Salvador Dali is to get one of my jokes.

One thing I always like to think about is that human nature hasn't changed much since the human [race] has been around. The context has changed, and the technology has changed, and various aspects of our daily lives have changed and will continue to change, but at the core of all of it, as human beings, people aren't that different than they might have been in Shakespeare's day or in Ancient Greece.

A couple years ago, I read a story about an archeologist that found, what was essentially, a joke book that was written in Roman times. They were one-liners that were written over 2,000 years ago. This was really fascinating because there were fat jokes, ugly wife jokes and fart jokes. It just proves that some things really haven't changed.

Martin and Comedy Central will be releasing an extended and uncensored DVD of his performance at the Skirball Center for the Performing Arts in New York City on Oct. 2. For more information about Martin or the "Demetri Martin: Stand-up Comedian" special, visit **comedycentral.com** or **demetrimartin.com**.

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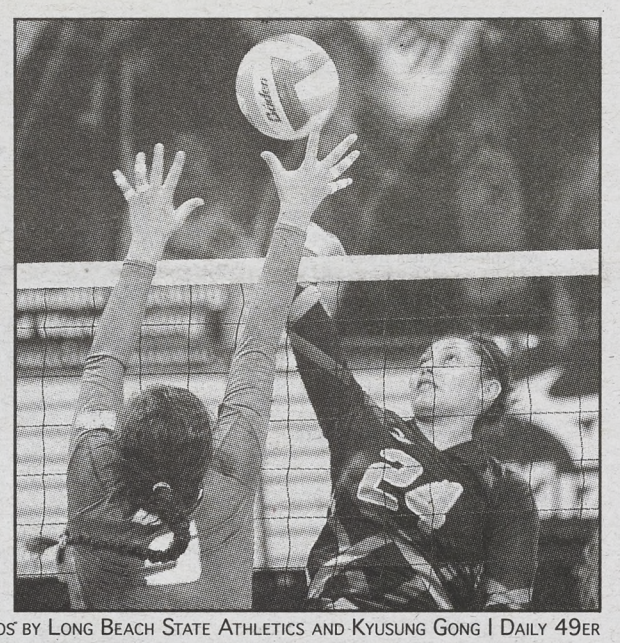

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The weekend was highlighted by the season opener for women's tennis, a 1-0 victory for the women's soccer team and Alma Serna's breakout performance in volleyball.

Tennis season begins as two 49ers win Player of the Week honors

BY JASON CLARK
Sports Editor

As Long Beach State transitions from nonconference play to Big West Conference play in several sports, the women's tennis team is just getting started and several players are earning recognition for their outstanding efforts this weekend.

Tennis

The LBSU women's tennis team finished up its first tournament of the year on Sunday at the UNLV Invitational.

Anna Jeczmionka and Karolina Rozenberg led the 49ers in singles as they each defeated their opponents on the final day of the tournament. Jeczmionka defeated Malia Wahinepio of Northern Arizona 6-4, 2-6 and 6-3 while Rozenberg swept South Alabama's Mary Angela Martin 6-1 and 7-6.

Rozenberg also represented The Beach in its only doubles win of the day, as she and partner Anne-Sophie Willems took down Anett Ferenczi-Bako and Ella Bourchier of UNLV, 8-1. The 49er pair lost to Norther Arizona's duo of Wahinepio and Ghizelene Doballah 8-6 in the Flight Two consolation finals as well.

Next up for the 'Niners is the Fullerton Invitational, which will be held during the first weekend of October.

Soccer

Goalkeeper Marrina Meyers was named Big West Defensive Player of the Week yesterday for her shutout of San Diego on Friday.

The sophomore made six saves, including five in the second half, against the Toreros in what was her third shutout of the year. She has now registered 51 saves on the year, averages 1.16 goals against per game and is a big reason why the 49ers are 7-3 and ranked 22nd in the country.

"I knew that [the Toreros] were going to come out with a lot of intensity and we had to be ready for it," Meyers said after the game. "I just had to communicate with my back nine, and [defender Alex Balcer] was always saving me. She's coming through in the clutch all the time."

Meyers is the third 49er to earn a Big West Player of the Week nod this year. Balcer won the defensive award in late August and midfielder Eileen Maes won the offensive award last week.

Volleyball

Also taking home Player of the Week honors was sophomore middle blocker Alma Serna.

Serna put together two highlight-reel performances last weekend in wins over Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara. She totaled 27 kills, six digs and six blocks to lead LBSU to a perfect opening record in the Big West Conference.

This was the first time this season that a 49er won a Big West Player of the Week Award in volleyball.

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